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Applicant : Bradley et al.
Serial No. : 09/546,085
Filed : April 10, 2000
Title : CHEMICALLY MODIFIED BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES AND METHODS
FOR COUPLING BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES TO SOLID SUPPORT

Art Unit : 1637

Examiner : Suryaprabha Chunduru

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Form PTO-1449, being submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks and references set forth herein.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- copy of Form PTO-1449
- Postcard
- copy of the International Search Report
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REMARKS

Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed. A copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application is also enclosed.

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This statement is being filed after a first Office action on the merits (mailed Jan. 3 2001). I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the communication being dated March 28, 2002, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

This submission is a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The initial IDS and PTO FORM 1449 were submitted July 10, 2000.

Applicants note that they responded to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed September 28, 2001, on October 29, 2001. A copy of the October 29, 2001, response to restriction requirement was faxed to the Examiner on May 8, 2002.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 06-1050. If necessary, please deduct any necessary additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

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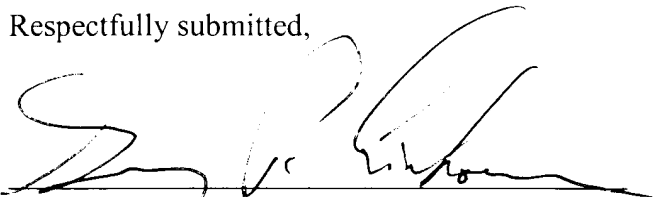
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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858 678 5070.

Respectfully submitted,

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